

IN THE CLAIMS

1. - 77. (cancelled)

78.(New) A method allowing a computer user to rip apart an existing software object into constituent parts, comprising: a) treating each part as an independent software object that is capable of being manipulated within a computer-based application that recognizes such software objects as valid, b) controlling each part separately, and c) automatically reconstituting the torn apart software object into a whole software object again made up of these parts as if there was no ripping apart of the object, but including any changes that may have been made to these separately controlled, independent parts.

79.(New) The method of Claim 78, further comprising the ability for different computer users to work simultaneously, in parallel, on the separately controlled parts.

80.(New) The method of Claim 78, further comprising the ability to divide the parts until subdividing is no longer possible which occurs when the part is no longer recognized by a computer-based application as a valid object to manipulate.

81.(New) The method of Claim 78, further comprising the ability to associate a part to other parts or objects.

82.(New) The method of Claim 78, further comprising the ability to associate an action to a part.

83.(New) The method of Claim 78, further comprising the ability to aggregate parts into a new object or part that contains the aggregated parts.

84.(New) The method of Claim 78, further comprising the ability to control who can work on a part.

85.(New) The method of Claim 78, further comprising the ability to control when work can be performed on a part.

86.(New) The method of Claim 78, further comprising the ability to control from where work can be performed on a part.

87.(New) The method of Claim 78, further comprising the ability to control how work can be performed on a part.

88.(New) The method of Claim 78, further comprising the ability to control work on a part based on why the work must be performed.